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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

| (1)                                     | (2)<br>Claims remaining after<br>amendment | (3)   | (4)<br>Highest<br>number<br>previously<br>paid for | (5)<br>Present extra | (6)<br>Rate | (7)<br>Additional<br>Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims                            | 25   | Minus | ** = 27  | * 0 x                | \$50 (25)   | = \$ 0                   |
| Independent claims                      | 11   | Minus | *** = 11   | * 0 x                | \$200 (100) | = \$ 0                   |
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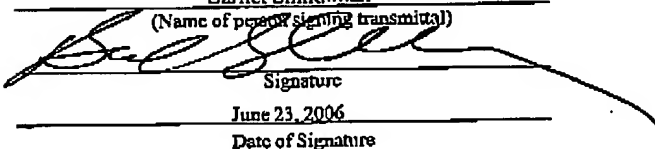
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 30, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2006, consider the following remarks.

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